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**Docket No.**  
**RII-0124**

## **Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application**

### **English Language Declaration**

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**Methods and Kits for Screening Nucleic Acid Duplex Stability**

the specification of which

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